



A Gift Without Comparison

Luke 2:12-20

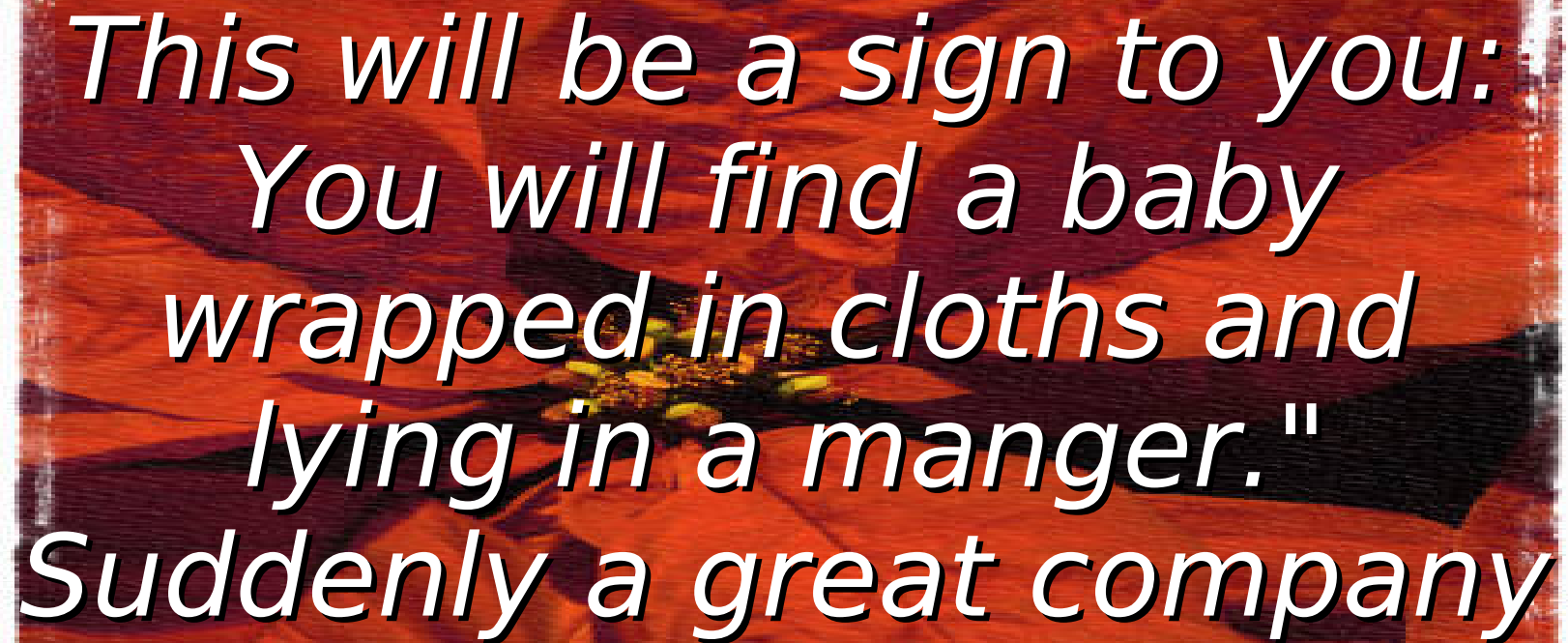


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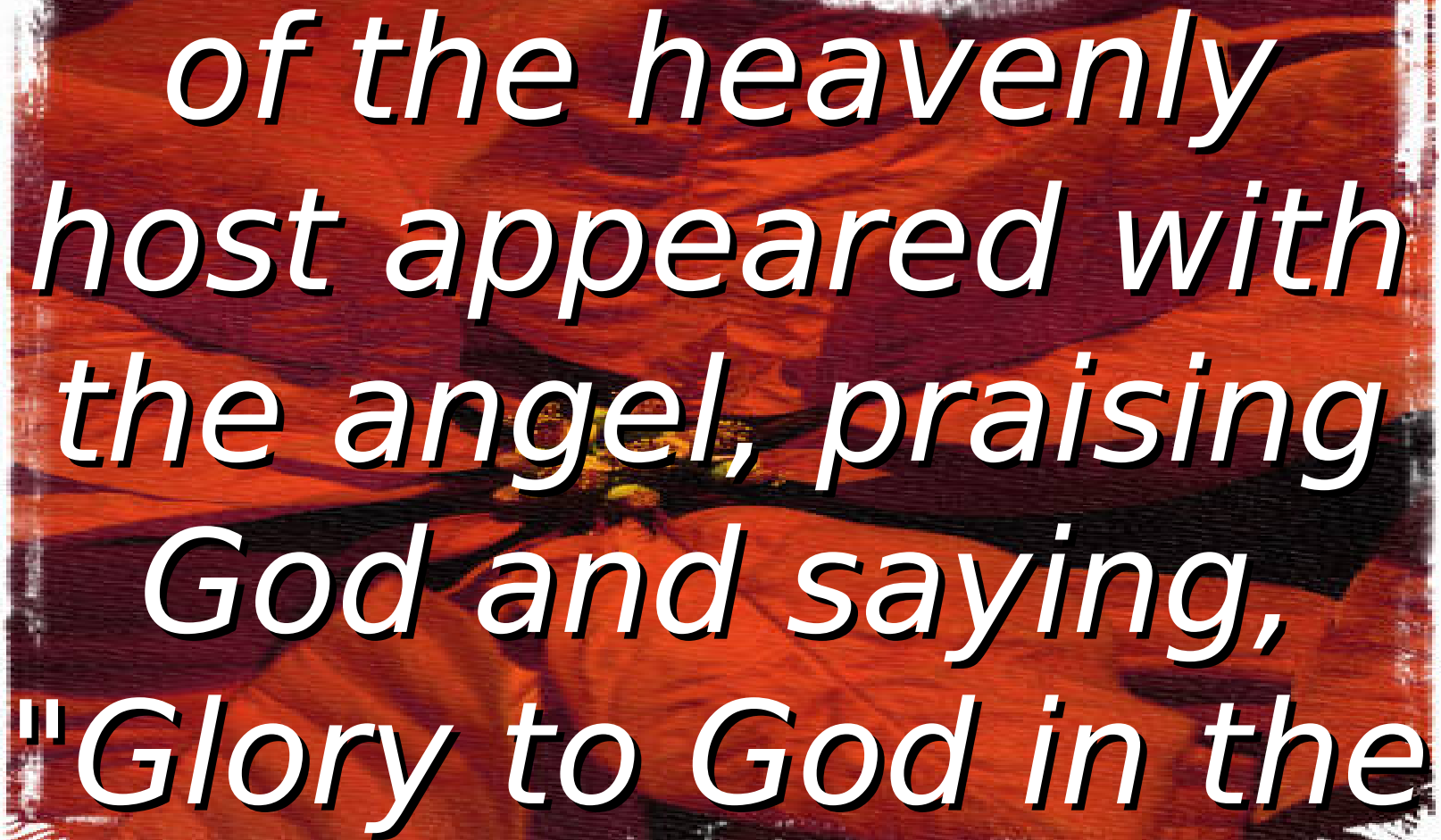
Love

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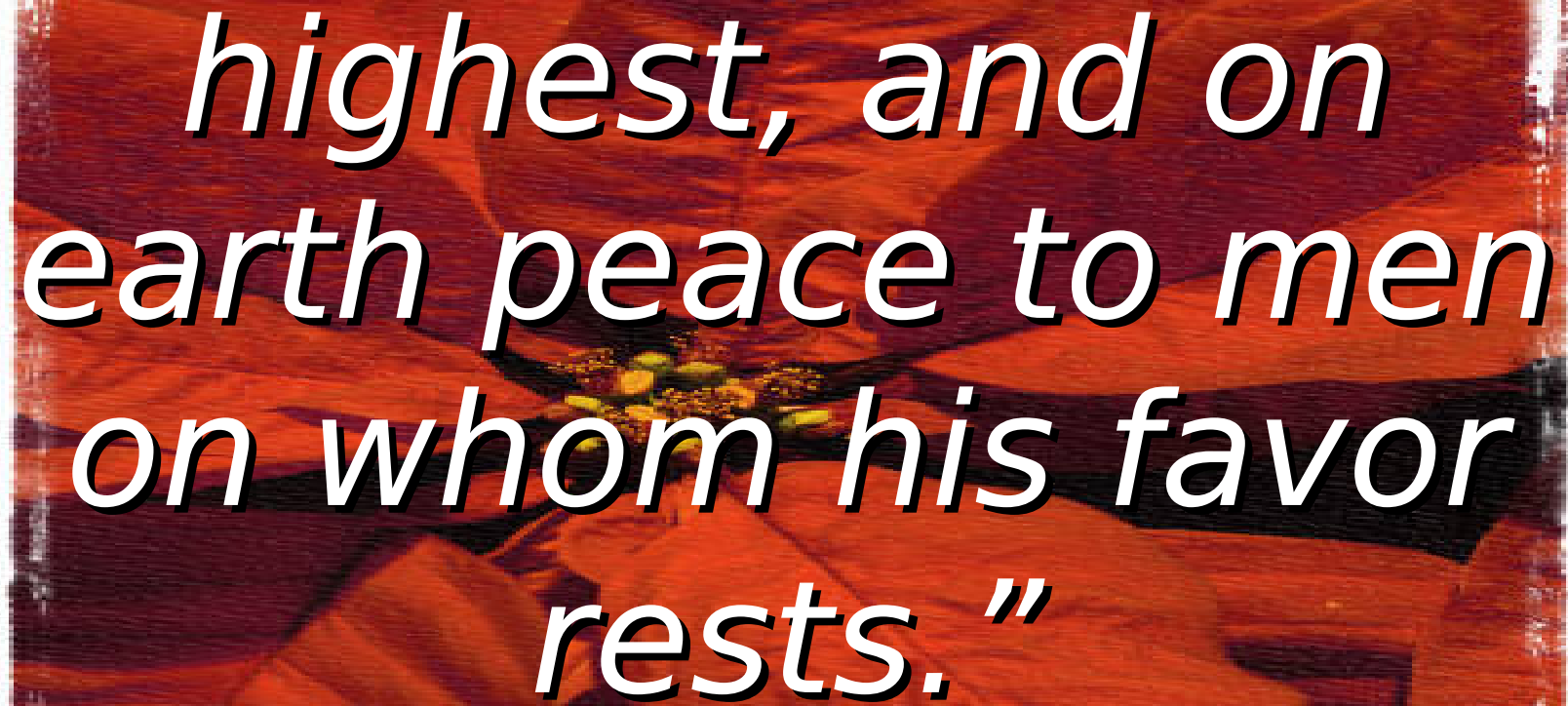
**God's Love
Came Down
at Christmas
(vs. 12-14)**



*This will be a sign to you:
You will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and
lying in a manger."
Suddenly a great company*



*of the heavenly
host appeared with
the angel, praising
God and saying,
"Glory to God in the*



*highest, and on
earth peace to men
on whom his favor
rests.”*



**1. His love is
undeserved.**

(John 15:12-13)



*My command is
this: Love each
other as I have
loved you.*



*Greater love
has no one than
this, that he lay
down his life for
his friends.*



2. His love is
unequaled.

(1 Cor. 13:4-7)



*Love is patient,
love is kind. It
does not envy, it
does not boast, it
is not proud. It is
not rude, it is*



*not self-seeking,
it is not easily
angered, it keeps
no record of
wrongs. Love
does not delight*




*in evil but
rejoices with the
truth. It always
protects, always
trusts, always
hopes, always
perseveres.*



**3. His love is
unchangeable.**

(1 Cor. 13:8)



*Love never
fails. But where
there are
prophecies,
they will cease;
where there are*



*tongues, they
will be stilled;
where there is
knowledge, it
will pass away.*



4. His love is
unstoppable.

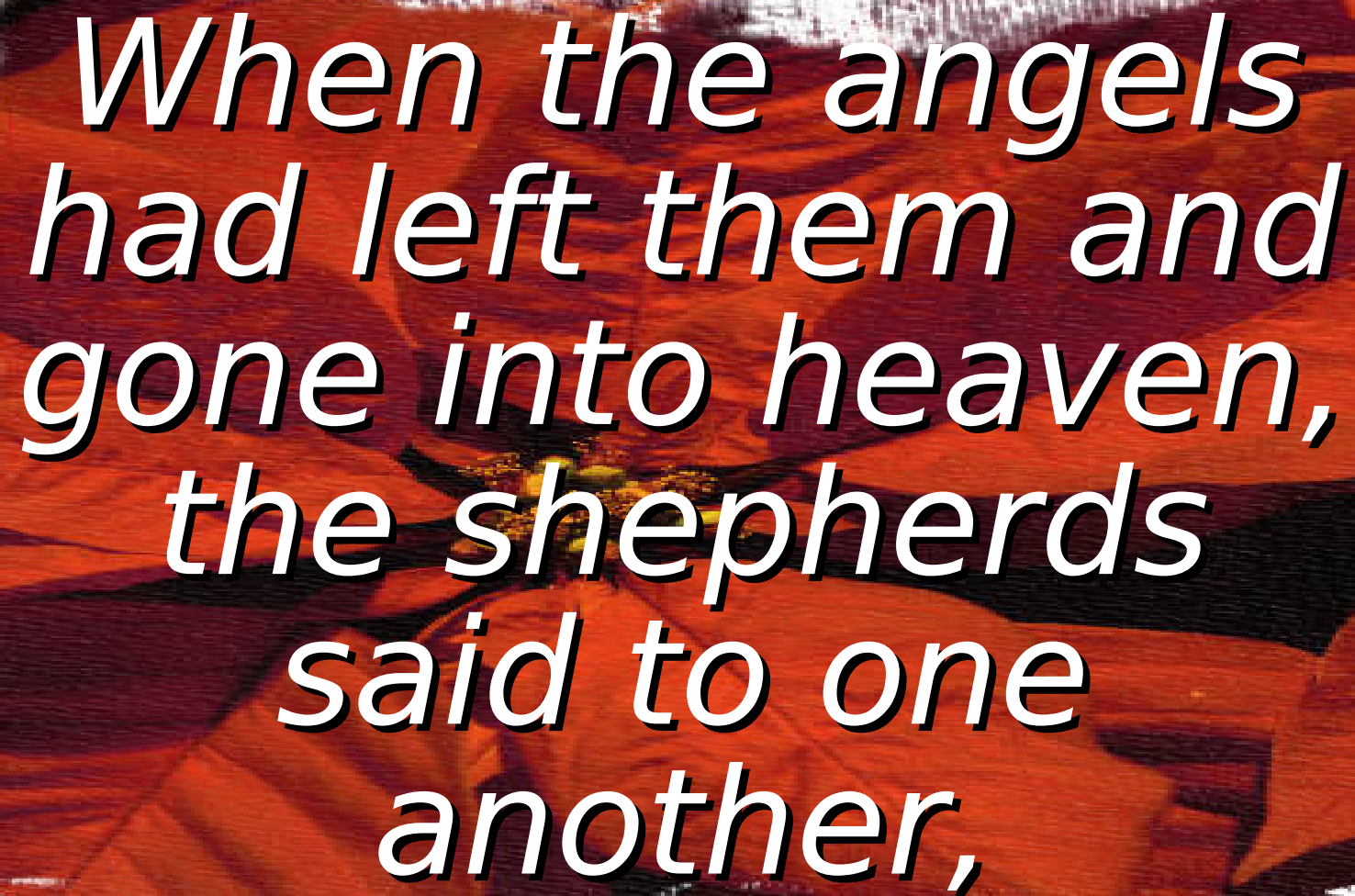
(1 Cor. 13:13)



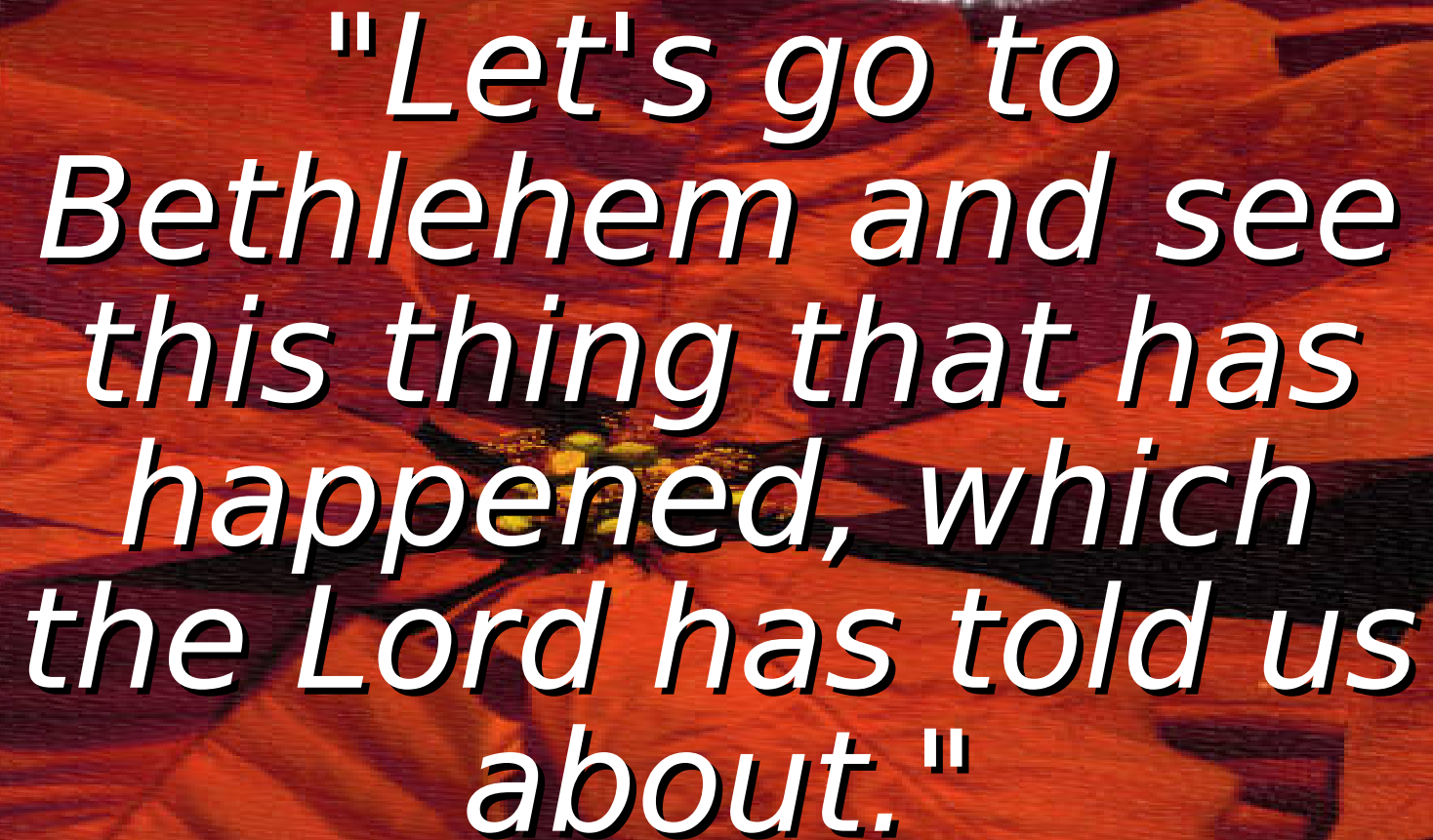
*And now these
three remain:
faith, hope and
love. But the
greatest of
these is love.*



**God's Love Is
for the Whole
Human Race
(vs. 15)**



*When the angels
had left them and
gone into heaven,
the shepherds
said to one
another,*


A painting of a desert landscape with rolling red sand dunes and a small village in the distance. The text is overlaid on the painting.

*"Let's go to
Bethlehem and see
this thing that has
happened, which
the Lord has told us
about."*



**1. His love
reaches to all
generations.**


(Deut. 6:1-5)




*These are the
commands, decrees
and laws the Lord
your God directed
me to*



*teach you to
observe in the
land that you
are crossing the
Jordan to
possess, so that*




*you, your children
and their children
after them may
fear the Lord your
God as long as
you live by*



*keeping all his
decrees and
commands that
I give you, and
so that you
may enjoy long
life.*



*Hear, O Israel,
and be careful
to obey so that
it may go well
with you and
that you may
increase greatly*




*in a land
flowing with
milk and honey,
just as the Lord,
the God of your
fathers,
promised you.*



*Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our
God, the Lord is
one. Love the
Lord your God
with all your*



*heart and with
all your soul
and with all
your strength.*



2. His love
causes us to
love the
unlovable.

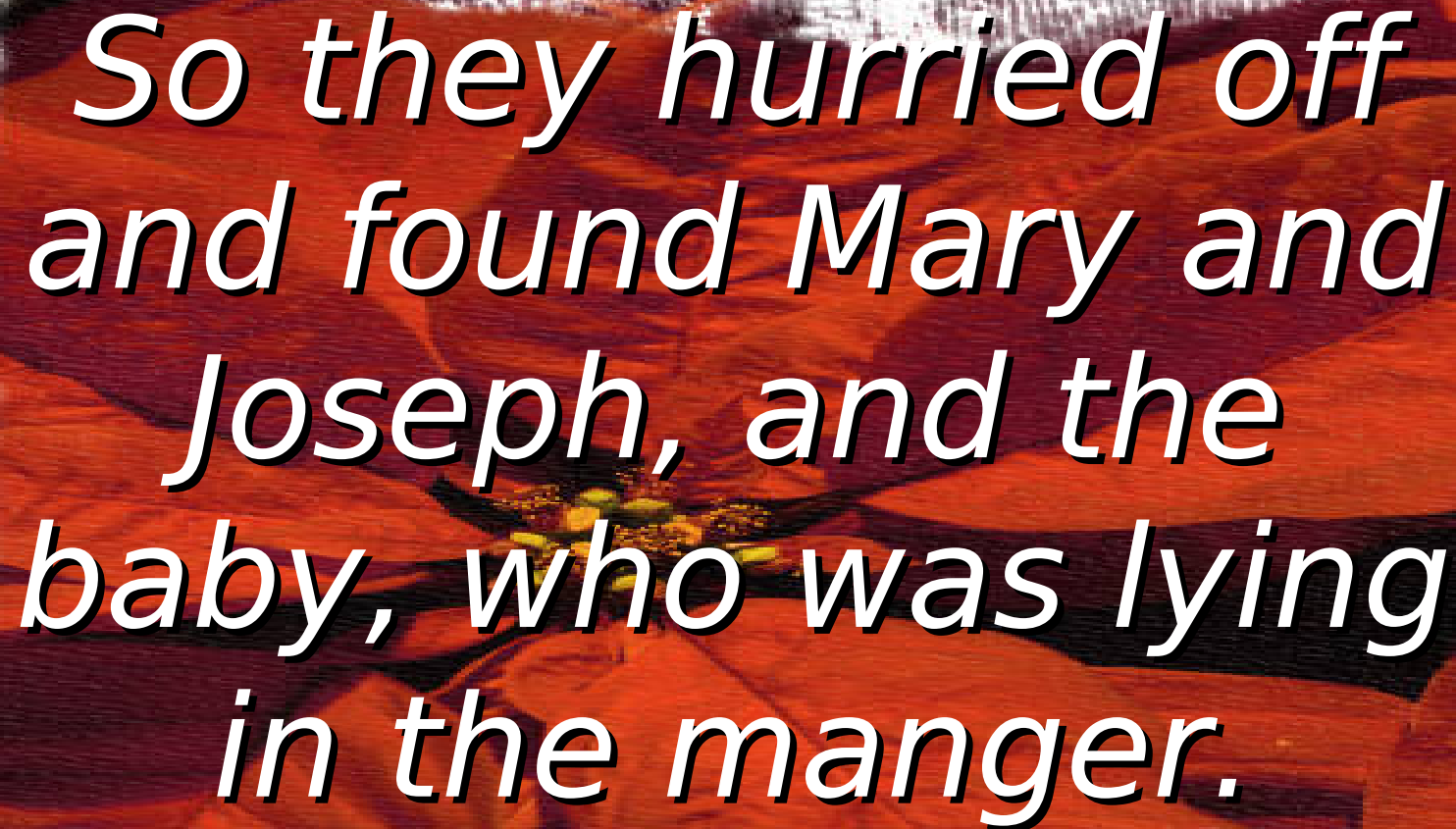
(1 John 3:11)



*This is the
message you
heard from the
beginning: We
should love one
another.*

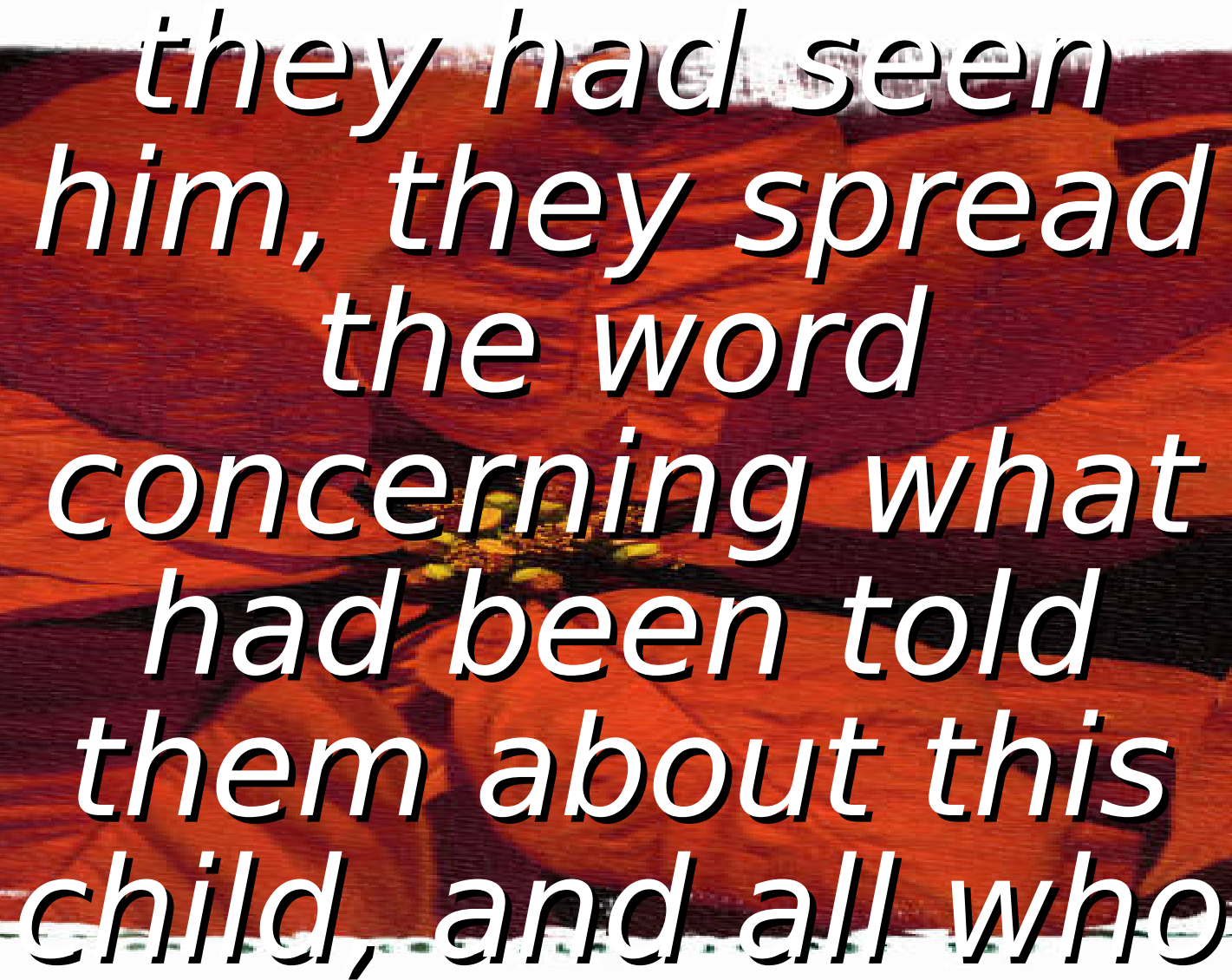


**God's Love
Cannot Be
Contained
(vs. 16-20)**

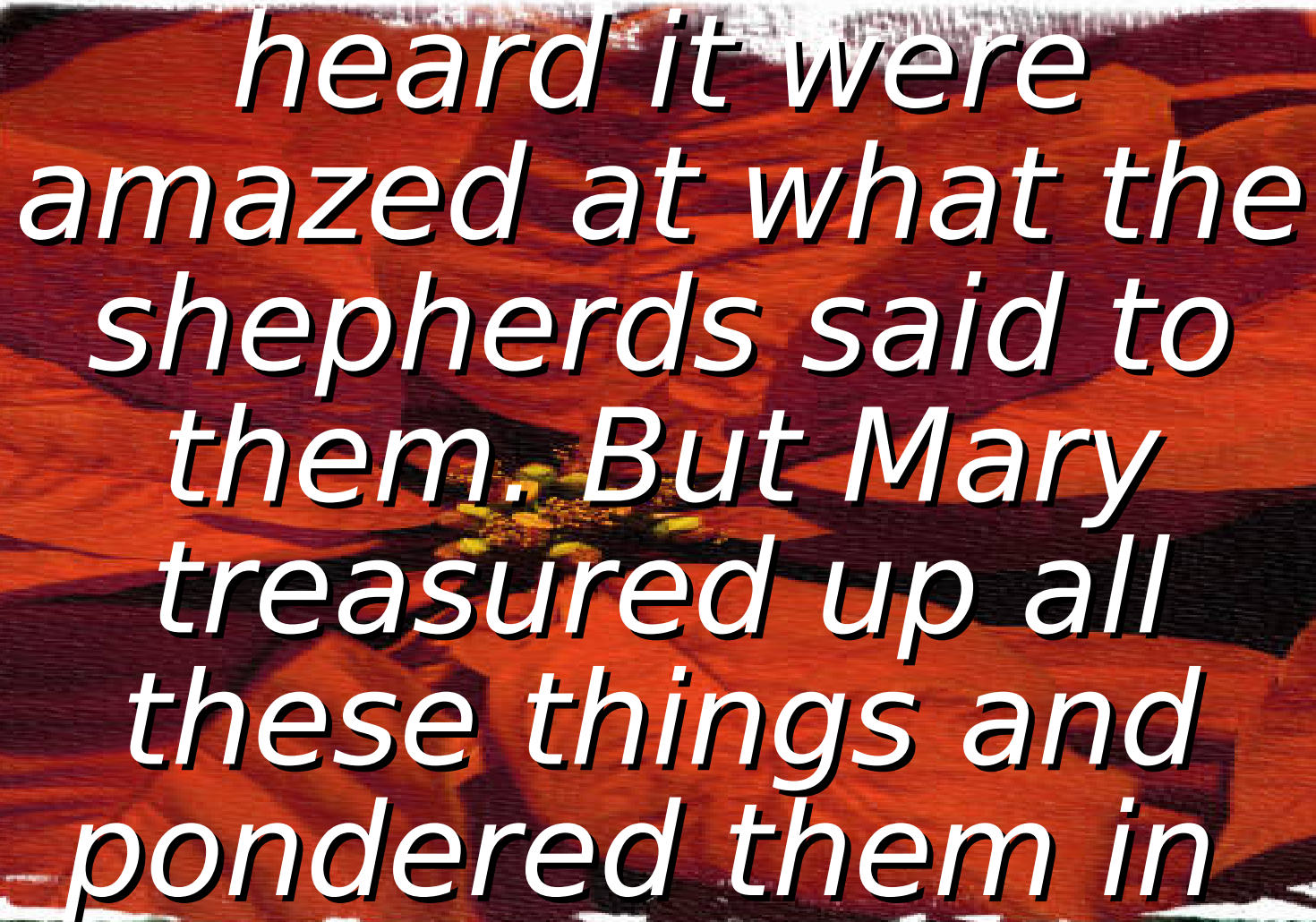
A painting of a manger scene. In the center, a baby lies in a manger. To the left, a woman (Mary) is seated, and to the right, a man (Joseph) is seated. The scene is set in a rustic, outdoor environment with a red background. The text is overlaid on the painting.

*So they hurried off
and found Mary and
Joseph, and the
baby, who was lying
in the manger.*

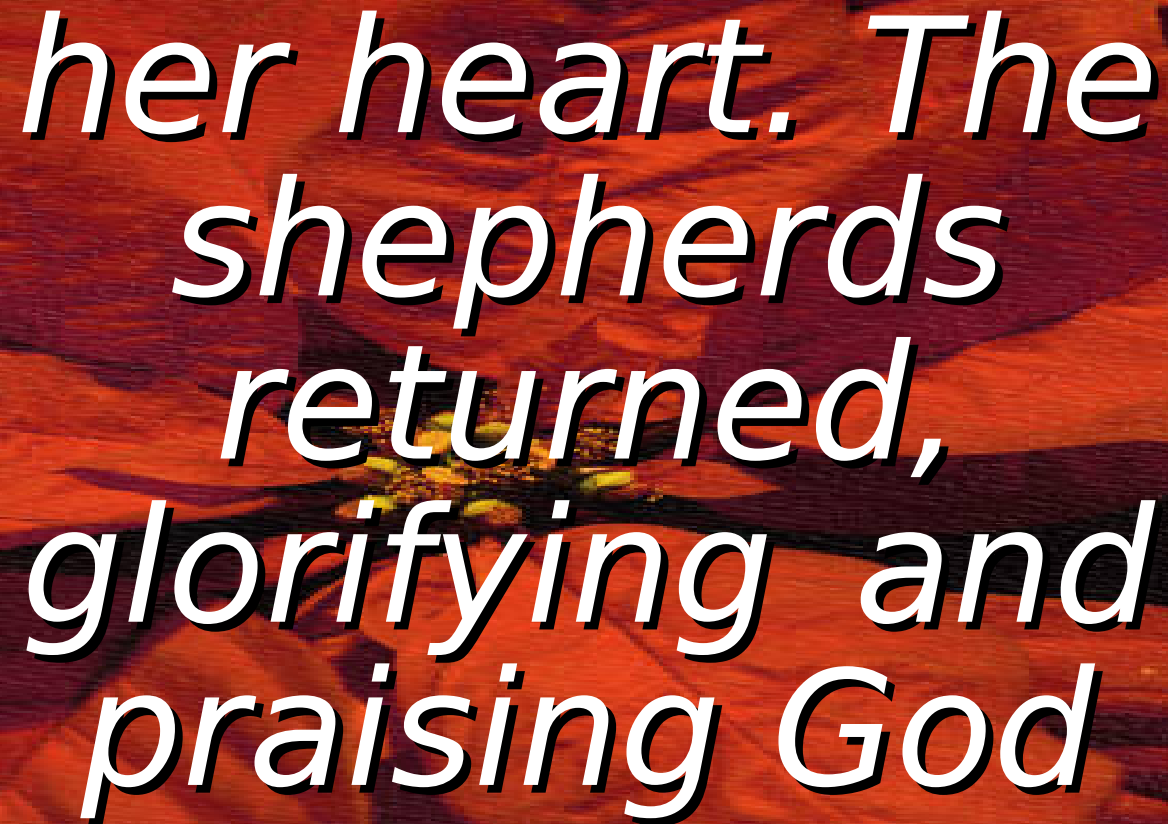
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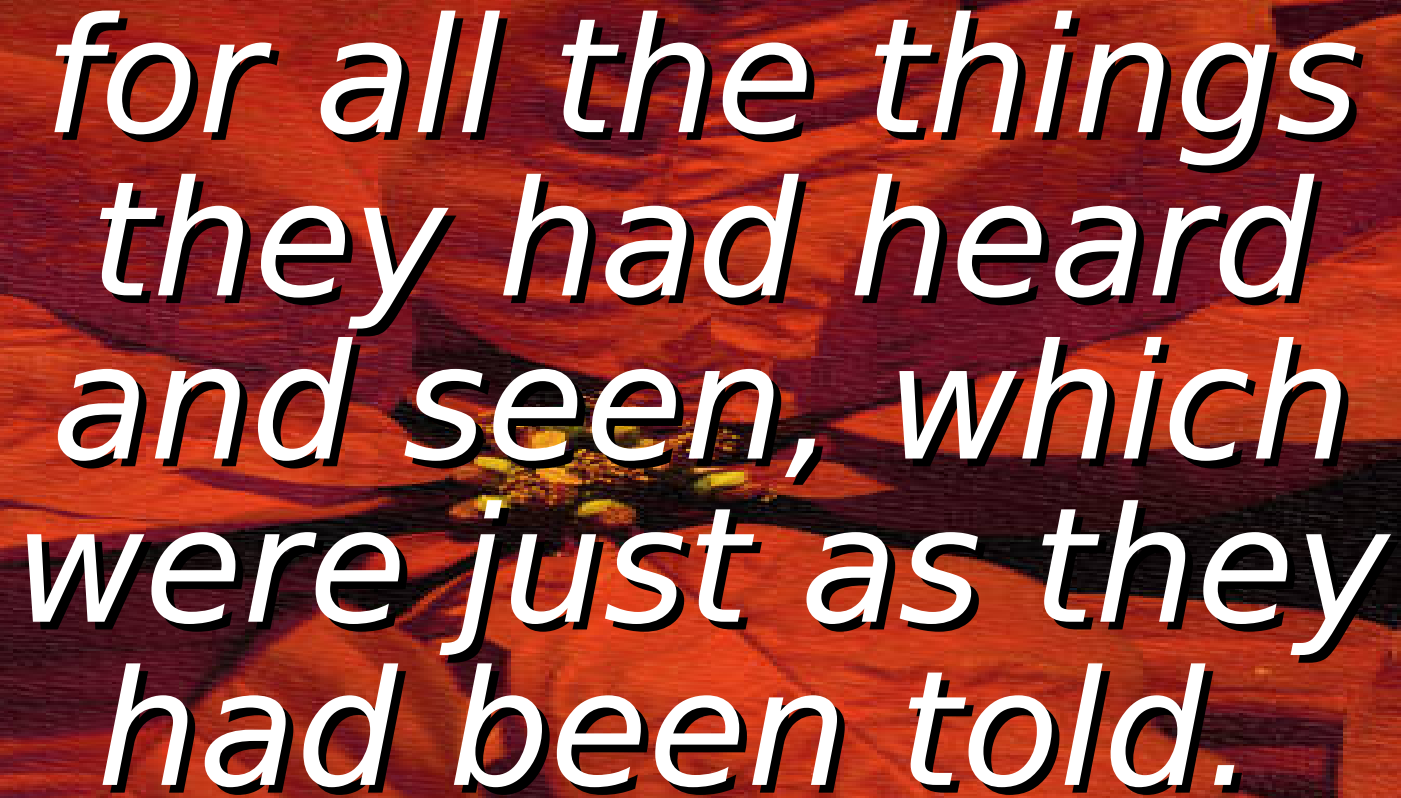
*they had seen
him, they spread
the word
concerning what
had been told
them about this
child, and all who*

A painting of a desert landscape with rolling red dunes and a small cluster of yellow flowers in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the painting.

*heard it were
amazed at what the
shepherds said to
them. But Mary
treasured up all
these things and
pondered them in*



*her heart. The
shepherds
returned,
glorifying and
praising God*



*for all the things
they had heard
and seen, which
were just as they
had been told.*



1. It must be reflected in our daily walk.



2. It must be
shared with
our lost world.